



REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 8-15, and 7-18 are presently pending, including claim 18, withdrawn. Claims 2-4, 6-7, 16, and 19-20 have been canceled. Favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments is respectfully requested and early passage to issue is earnestly solicited. It is understood that the previous preliminary amendment of January 10, 2006 has been withdrawn from further consideration as drawn to a non-elected invention.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

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